



MONROE THIS WEEK

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GREETINGS FROM MAYOR THOMAS

Hello! Thank you for reading my weekly newsletter. I am grateful to serve the Monroe community and look forward to hearing from you. If you have any suggestions, questions, or comments for "Monroe This Week" or the articles included, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at

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Thank you!

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



MAYOR HAPPENINGS

PSRC Economic Development District Meeting

On Wednesday, June 14, 2017, I attended the Puget Sound Regional Council's Economic Development District meeting in Seattle. I represent the City of Monroe and Snohomish County Cities on this Board. Today, we went over the four-county economic development strategy. This strategy is designed to support our region, including Snohomish County cities, in attracting and retaining businesses. I am happy to report that the draft strategy has been revised to include cities, like Monroe, that are not part of the I-5 and I-405 corridor cities. I look forward to a revised draft at the next meeting in July.

Grant Award for Outdoor Exercise Equipment

At the Tuesday, June 13, 2017, City Council Meeting, Snohomish County Councilmember Sam Low, presented the City Council and representatives of the Monroe Boys and Girls Club with the Snohomish County Small Capital Projects Partnership Grant award for outdoor exercise equipment for Sky River Park. Thank you to Snohomish County, Monroe Parks and Recreation Department, Monroe Boys and Girls Club, and City staff for all your work for this project. We are excited for this project and will keep you updated as this project progresses!

SR-522 Update

On Thursday, June 15, 2017, I participated in a meeting to begin to prioritizing the best options to invest the \$750,000 in the 2017-2019 State Transportation Budget for SR-522. State, County, City staff and I talked about design and project priorities. We also talked about using a portion of these funds as match dollars for grants from the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) or other agencies.

Mayor

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Jeff Rasmussen, Mayor Pro Tem

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

06/17	Northwest Run/Walk for Epilepsy, Sky River Park, 10AM Monroe Grill Fest/Fathers Day BBQ, Lake Tye Park, 10AM-4PM
06/20	City Council P4 Committee Meeting, City Hall, 6PM City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM

Appointment Openings

Salary Commissioner

Ethics Boardmember (3)

www.monroewa.gov/vacancies

Job Openings

Lateral Police Officer

www.monroewa.gov/jobs

City of Monroe
Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'16 to 05/31/16: \$1,775,685

'17 to 05/31/17: \$2,019,500

UP \$243,815 or 13.73%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'16 to 05/31/16: \$374,770

'17 to 05/31/17: \$653,883

UP \$279,112 or 74.47%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'16 to 05/31/16: \$23,437

'17 to 05/31/17: \$22,882

Down \$555 or -2.36%

Business License Fees

'16 to 05/31/16: \$21,029

'17 to 05/31/17: \$20,642

DOWN \$387 or -1.83%

Building Permit Revenues

'16 to 05/31/16: \$202,753

'17 to 05/31/17: \$308,745

UP \$105,992 or 52.27%

Planning Fee Revenues

'16 to 05/31/16: \$36,290

'17 to 05/31/17: \$12,176

DOWN \$24,114 or -66.44%

New House Permits

'16 to 05/31/16: 52

'17 to 05/31/17: 80

UP 28 units or 79.0%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'16 to 05/31/16: 2

'17 to 05/31/17: 0

DOWN 2 units or -100.0%

Building Division Inspections

'16 to 05/31/16: 164

'17 to 05/31/17: 302*

UP 93 or 56.71%

***2016 YTD number**

unavailable at time

(Update continued) State Transportation will do some additional research over the next couple of weeks. We will meet again in July to finalize priorities. Thank you Senator Palumbo, Senator Pearson, Representative Kristiansen, Representative Koster, County Councilmember Low, and the staff who are putting their time and work into moving these needed improvements forward.

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Upcoming agenda items for the Tuesday, June 20, 2017, City Council meeting include a Proclamation for Amateur Radio Week, a Presentation from the Downtown Monroe Association, a Resolution for the 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan, and a Presentation for a New Website Redesign/Development. For more information about these, please visit:

<http://www.monroewa.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/565?html=true>.

CITY HAPPENINGS

2018 Lodging Tax Funding Round Starts Soon!

It's that time of year again. The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee will be soliciting applications for the 2018 tourism activities/festivals beginning this July. To help prepare for this year's funding round, the City is hosting an open house on June 21, 2017, to answer questions from potential applicants. This session will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. If you are thinking about applying, but are not sure if your event would qualify, or you have questions regarding the application itself, feel free to stop by our open houses to chat with the advisory board's staff liaison: Finance Director Becky Hasart.

This year's funding timeline and application can be found on the City's website. Visit www.monroewa.gov/ltac for more information. While the official call for applications begins July 3, 2017, download the application now so you can get your questions answered at the open houses!

Upcoming Road Closures

Starting June 19, 2017, Main Street parking will be limited due to planned sidewalk and parking maintenance and repairs. During this time parking will not be available on W. Main Street, between Lewis and Blakeley during the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Chain Lake Road will be closed during the week of July 10-15th to continue to extend the City's public sewer. For more information, please visit: www.monroewa.gov/chainlakedetour.